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SUBJECT: NON-PROLIFERATION: HIGH-LEVEL COMMENT ON
FRANCO-PAKISTAN DEAL

1. DURING PRIVATE LUNCH I HAD FEBRUARY 11 WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL SOUTOU, HE MADE A COMMENT
ABOUT FRANCO-PAKISTAN NUCLEAR REPROCESSING CONTRACT
THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST IN ADVANCE OF TALKS ON THIS
SUBJECT. SOUTOU SAID THAT A FAVORABLE SOLUTION TO THE
GERMAN-BRAZIL DEAL IS AN ABSOLUTE PREREQUISITE TO
FRANCE'S ABILITY TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE PAKISTAN CON-
TRACT. IF THE BRAZIL REPROCESSING PLANT CAN BE ABORTED
THE GOF WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE PAKISTAN DEAL ON ITS
OWN.

2. ON THIS SAME SUBJECT, SOUTOU DENIED PUBLISHED
REPORTS THAT THE GERMAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS HAVE
AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER TO PRESENT A COMMON FRONT
AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON NON-PROLIFERATION. HE
SAID THAT FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES MUST WORK
TOGETHER TO ASSURE THAT NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS DO
NOT ALLOW ANY SUPPLIER COUNTRY TO ACHIEVE COMMERCIAL
ADVANTAGES. THE UNITED STATES CAN COOPERATE IN THIS
AREA THROUGH ITS CONTROL OVER EXPORT LICENSES. THE
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USG SHOULD THEREFORE AGREE TO RECOGNIZE THAT COMMERCIAL
CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE A MAJOR ELEMENT OF ALL NON-
PROLIFERATION DISCUSSIONS.
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